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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: MESSINA STRAITS BRIDGE

1. BLAIR BIRDSALL OF STEINMAN, BOYNTON, GRONQUIST & LONDON, CONSULTING ENGINEERS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN BRIDGE WORK, VISITED MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION SEEKING INFORMATION SUBJECT PROJECT. FIRM HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY BRITISH CONTRACTOR INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING JOINT VENTURE TO OBTAIN FEASIBILITY STUDY AND BRIDGE DESIGN CONTRACTS; WHO CLAIMS GOI MAY BE PLANNING FINALLY MOVE AHEAD ON MESSINA PROJECT. BIRDSALL UNDERSTANDS THERE IS GOI AGENCY GRUPO PONTE MESSINA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WHICH HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LETTER STUDY CONTRACT AND DECIDING WHETHER TO BUILD BRIDGE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CURRENT INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON PROJECT, ESPECIALLY NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RESPONSIBLE GOI OFFICIALS AT BRIDGE GROUP OR OTHER AGENCIES. KISSINGER

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